



OVERVIEW

Donor: Carmen Rath-Wald

Accession Date: 26 April 2011

Collection Number: 063

Quantity: 1.75 linear feet

Summary: Memoranda, 1945-1946; two photographs, circa 1924 and 2000; eight ornamental certificates, 1901-1932; one shawl; and three books, 1906-1923; relating to the Rath family of McIntosh County, North Dakota.

Languages: English & German

Links:

- [“Care of Dead Reflects Views of Life”](#) by Carmen Rath-Wald
- [“Fleischkeukle/Food & Culture”](#) by Carmen Rath-Wald
- [Employees Donate Heirlooms to NDSU Libraries’ Collection](#)
- [“News Column”](#) (*Napoleon Homestead* – 13 April 2011)

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BIOGRAPHY

Carmen Rath- Wald is a descendant of Heinrich Ackermann, who was born in Ehrlenbach, Germany in 1787. His son, Friedrich, emigrated to Rohrbach, in southern Russia in the first half of the nineteenth century. His descendants immigrated to the United States and settled in McIntosh County, North Dakota. Carmen Rath-Wald was born to Edwin Rath and Helen Hauck.

She has been employed by North Dakota State University as the Logan County (North Dakota) Extension Agent and resides in Napoleon, North Dakota.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The **Carmen Rath-Wald Collection** consists of family materials relating to the Rath family of McIntosh County, North Dakota. The collection has been organized into five series: Memoranda, Certificate, Photograph, Book, and Textile.

The [Memoranda Series](#) includes three memoranda regarding Helen Hauck, dated 1945-1946. These were sent from the North Dakota Department of Health, McIntosh County, and Wishek, North Dakota Public Schools.

Included within this collection are eight ornate lithographed certificates, the [Certificate Series](#), which date from 1901-1932. Present within this series are four baptismal certificates, inscribed with the names Leland Rath, Edwin Rath, Helen Barbara Hauck, and Johann Rath. The certificate for Leland Rath was in a frame but was removed for preservation purposes. Two confirmation certificates, inscribed to Johannes Rath and Martha Lang, are present. One wedding certificate, for John J. Rath and Martha Lang, as well as one family record certificate for the Rath Family, circa 1930, completes this series.

The [Photograph Series](#) consists of two photographs. The earliest photograph [2011.12.01] is of an infant, Leland Rath, post-mortem, in a child's coffin, dated 1925. This image is oval-shaped and has been hand-tinted. It is housed in a frame which measures 21" X 14" with gesso flowers painted red and blue. The second photograph [2011.12.13] is a portrait of Carmen Rath-Wald and her husband, John Wald, circa 2005. It is inscribed with the studio name of "Olan Mills."

The [Book Series](#) features three books, which date from 1906-1923. *Liederlust: Eine Sammlung vierstimmiger Lieder* is a book of hymns in German. *Liederschatz Eine Sammlung alter, kernhafter Lieder* is also a German-language hymnal. Another German hymnal, *Frohe Botschaft in Liedern*, is present within this series.

The [Textile Series](#) consists of one item, a shawl made of medium dark brown and medium light brown wool. It has no date, but is estimated to have been made prior to World War I, circa 1910. The shawl has a zigzag and floral pattern with a Greek key design. It has fringe on the sides and measures 61" X 64". This textile is housed within the Emily P. Reynolds Historic Costume Collection, located on the campus of North Dakota State University.

SEPARATION RECORD

The shawl [2011.12.16] from the Carmen Rath-Wald Collection is housed at the Emily P. Reynolds Historic Costume Collection, NDSU. Advanced notice is requested for the viewing of this item.

Due to their larger size, several of the certificates from this collection have also been separated from the rest of the collection and are housed in the GRHC's Map Press. These items are noted below within the box and folder list.

BOX AND FOLDER LIST

Box/Folder	Contents
1/1	Finding aid, detailed inventory, and initial inventory
	MEMORANDA SERIES
1/2	Memoranda, 1945-1946
	CERTIFICATE SERIES
2	Baptism certificate – Leland Rath, 1924 [2011.12.02]
2	Baptism certificate – Edwin Rath, 1927 [2011.12.03]
MAP PRESS	Baptism certificate – Helen Hauck, 1932 [2011.12.04]
1/3	Baptism certificate – Johann Rath, 1900 [2011.12.05]
MAP PRESS	Confirmation certificate – Johannes Rath, 1914 [2011.12.06]
2	Confirmation certificate – Martha Lang, 1917 [2011.12.07]
MAP PRESS	Wedding certificate – John Rath and Martha Lang, 1920 [2011.12.08]
2	Rath Family record, circa 1930 [2011.12.12]
	PHOTOGRAPH SERIES
2	Leland Rath – post-mortem, 1925 [2011.12.01]
1/4	Portrait of Carmen Rath-Wald and her husband, John Wald, 2005 [2011.12.13]

BOOK SERIES

Gebhardt, Ernst. *Frohe Botschaft in Liedern*. Basel: Heinrich Maier, 1923. [2011.12.13]

Liderlust: Eine Sammlung alter, kerhaster Liede. St. Louis: L. Volkending, 1906. [2011.12.14]

Nuss, M. *Liederschatz Eine Sammlung alter, kernhaster Lieder*. Kassel: J.G. Onken, 1914. [2011.12.15]

TEXTILE SERIES**EPRHCC**

Woolen shawl [2011.12.16]



2011.12.01



2011.12.16